(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Complaints by MPs and ex-MPs concerning drugs/medicines

302. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many letters his Ministry have received from Members of Parliament and ex-Members of Parliament concerning drug/medicines issues and complaints against certain officials in his Ministry from 1st January, 1990 to 30th June, 1991;

(b) what are the details of main issues raised and what action has been taken; and

(c) how many communications are still pending to be replied and by when these replies would be sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) During the period from 1st January, 1990 to 30th June, 1991 large number of letters have been received from Members and ex-Members of Parliament regarding wide ranging issues relating to drugs/ medicines as well as some complaints against certain officials.

(b) These issues include criteria adopted for exclusion/inclusion of drugs under price control, pricing of drugs, dereservation of public sector items, fixing stages of PMP, recoveries against drug companies etc. Many of these issues are under examination and also under the consideration of the Standing Committee constituted for reviewing issues related to implementation of DPCO.

(c) A large number of issues are linked to the ongoing review of DPCO and are still under examination. Replies to Members of Parliament will be furnished once the examination is concluded.

Formulations marketing by Glaxo

303. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts in different packs being marketed by M/s. Glaxo;

(b) what was the number of packs sold during 12th May, 1981 to 25th August, 1987 of each;

(c) what was the price enjoyed by the company on each pack of each product by virtue of Court's order;

(d) what was the price of each medicine based on the bulk drug price fixed on 20th November, 1986 along with other parameters allowed while assessing the liability under DPEA;

(e) what is the amount assessed in each pack overcharged from the public; and

(f) what were the prices fixed for Betamethasone and its salts from 1981 to 1991 date-wise and what were the prices recommended by BICP each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Based on data relating to bulk drugs and formulations furnished by the company itself, a tentative liability of Rs. 71.72 crores was communicated to the company. However, the Company has filed a petition in the Delhi High Court and the matter is, therefore, *sub-judice*.

Foreign visits by former development Commissioner (PI)

304. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many visits abroad were made by the former Development Commissioner (PI) during his assignment in the Ministry; and

(b) the names of the countries visited during each visit, purpose whether official or unofficial and who accompanied him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Eight, as Development Commissioner (PI) and Joint Secretary (PI).

(b)

Sl. No.	Countries visited	Purpose	Persons accompanied
1	Algeria	Official	Shri R.S. Mathur, Leader, S/Shri J.L. Thakur, Dy G.M. IDPL, Ms. L. Ishring, Branch Manager, STC & Dr. Gopa Kumar Nair, Rep. Chemexcil as members of the team.
2	Macao	Official	None
3	Bulgaria and Germany	Official	S/Shri M.S. Murthy, Adviser (Chem.) and A.K. Basu MD, HAL as members.
4	U.S.A.	Official	None
5	USA & Mexico	Official	Family (Expenses borne by his sister) resident in USA
6	U.K.	Official	Shri B.B. Kaura, Asstt. Development Commissioner (PI).
7	U.S.S.R.	Official	Shri M.S. Gill, Secretary (CPC)
8	Vienna	Official	—

Different Figures of Production and Consumption of Baralgon Ketone

305. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hoechst has provided different figures in respect of production and consumption of Baralgon Ketone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ministry have noted such discrepancies;

(c) what was the consumption indicated in Form-6 for Betemethasone and its salts for the period 1981, 1982 and 1983 and what were the figure informed otherwise to the ministry;

(d) what were the figures and basis taken by Special Team for the assessment of liability during these three years;

(e) what are the figures taken while reviewing the assessment of these years; and

(f) what are the details of short assessment of liability by Special Team in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) Information in respect of Baralgon Ketone of M/s Hoechst and Betamethasones and its salts of M|s. Glaxo, will be com-